

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



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KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENING**

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 5 hours from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday, August 22 in the Kotzebue District.

Catch during Wednesday night's 4-hour opening was nearly 4,000 chum salmon by 23 permit holders. The catch was average for this time period. The commercial harvest to date is nearly 290,000 chum salmon and will likely surge past the 1995 harvest of 290,730 chum salmon with today's opening and then the 2013 commercial chum salmon harvest will be the best in 25 years. Congratulations to Kotzebue Sound fishermen and to Great Pacific Seafoods.

Kobuk River test fish catch index was a record in 2013 with the best year's catch index in the 21-year project history. Congratulations to the Kiana crew on a record breaking season.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or the buyer at 442-4192.